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COUNCIL BUSINESS

Dues.—The Council has adopted by letter ballot the following recommendations of the Treasurer and the Secretary:—

"That dues be declared payable January 1; that the Bulletin be no longer sent to members who have not paid their dues by June 1; that the names of all persons more than one year in arrears be dropped from the list of members, after notification."

"That the subscription for the Bulletin be, until further notice, $1.50 per year, instead of $1.00."

The Council of 1916 met Thursday afternoon, December 28, and Friday afternoon, December 29, with a total attendance of sixteen members.

It appeared that the 606 nominations for membership, published in the October, November, and December BULLETINS, had been scrutinized by the Secretary and in doubtful cases by the Committee on Qualifications for Membership. The Council accordingly recommended all but twenty-nine of these names for election and this recommendation was adopted by the Association.

On authorization of the Council, the President appointed as a Committee on Resolutions Messrs. Ross, Dealey, Denney, Lovejoy, and Weeks.

Voted: That the Council recommend that the Committee on Resolutions be instructed, except in cases of urgency, not to report in favor of immediate action by the Association on matters referred to the Committee without previous publication in the BULLETIN.

In regard to the proposed constitutional amendment increasing the dues, the Council recommended that this be laid on the table for one year, and that the question of combining with bills for dues an invitation for additional contributions for the support of the work of the Association be referred with certain alternative suggestions to the Treasurer and the Secretary with power.

Voted: To recommend that committees of the Association be classified by the Council as "standing" or "special" committees: members of standing committees to be elected annually, with eligibility for re-election for not more than three consecutive years; special committees to continue until their work is completed, unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Council.

Voted: To recommend that retiring presidents of the Association become *ex-officio* members of the Council for the five years next following their presidential terms.

A meeting of the Council of 1917 was held on Saturday, December 30, with twelve members present.

Voted: To continue the present Executive Committee with the President as chairman *ex-officio*.

Committees A (Academic Freedom) and I (University Ethics) were designated as standing committees; Committees B, C, D, E, G, H, J, K, L, M, O, P, Q, as special committees.

The chairman of Committee E (Qualifications for Membership) was authorized to appoint a sub-committee of not more than nine members to act as a Committee on Admissions.

Voted: To discharge Committees F (Local Chapters) and N (University Handbook).

Voted: That it is the sense of the Council that it is not the province of local branches to take any action on local issues beyond private discussion.

Voted: To refer the personnel of committees to the Executive Committee with power to appoint, after collecting suggestions from the Council. On invitation by the officers, numerous suggestions were made as to members eligible for the newly authorized committees.

After discussion of the proper policy of the Association in regard to broadening its membership, it was

Voted: That it is desirable that the Executive Committee take such steps as it may deem appropriate to increase the membership of the Association within the limits set by the Constitution.

The Secretary presented a plan for a four-page circular of general information. It was suggested that chairmen of local branches be invited to make efforts to extend membership in their respective states, particularly in institutions not now represented in the Association.

Voted: That the BULLETIN be restricted (as heretofore) to the publication of official matter.

After discussion of the financial condition of the Association, it was

Voted: That the Secretary be authorized to continue the employ-

ment of an Assistant Secretary at a salary not exceeding $500. That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare and submit a budget for the year.

It was agreed to send the reprints of the report on the Carnegie Foundation Proposed Plan, as soon as practicable, to all colleges and universities.

Voted: To be the sense of the Council that the next annual meeting should be held at a point west of the Alleghanies.

H. W. TYLER,
Secretary.